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Communication to Examiner in Anticipation of Telephonic Interview

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to your request via telephone on October 29, 2003 that Applicant submit a brief statement outlining the topics to be discussed in the telephonic interview scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2003. The purpose of the telephonic interview is to discuss the status of the claims and the possibility of amending the

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claims for allowance rather than proceeding to appeal. Specifically, Applicant would like to

discuss the status of independent claim 1, as amended.

1. A pressure vessel comprising:

a seamless tank shell defining an interior space and having an outer surface wherein said

tank shell is comprised of more than one bosses, each of said bosses having a threaded portion;

said outer surface having a fuel withdrawal assembly or a direct-sight fuel gauge mechanically

fastened thereto; and said fuel withdrawal assembly includes a threaded portion engaged with

said threaded portion of one of said plurality of bosses.

Applicant intends to discuss the appropriateness of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §

102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,193,924 to Huse. If there are any questions, please

contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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